

Senate Probe Committee Reports Marine Morale Low; Waste Cited

WASHINGTON, (AP)—A senate armed services subcommittee reported today it had found dissatisfaction and low morale among marines—particularly recently recalled reservists—at three bases.

"This was discouraging in view of the long history of high morale and esprit de corps of the marines," the group said. There was no immediate comment from the marine corps.

The three bases are El Toro and Camp Pendleton in California and Camp Lejeune in North Carolina.

WASTE

The subcommittee criticized the navy and marine corps for what it called lavish use of men and money, in a report which also covered conditions at the marine corps air station, Quantico, Va., the navy's amphibious base at Little Creek near Norfolk, Va., and the navy's submarine base, New London, Conn.

The preparedness subcommittee, headed by Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.) was set up shortly after fighting broke out in Korea to keep an eye on the mobilization program. This was its first report; others have dealt with a wide variety of mobilization problems.

In general, the latest report found the food, clothing supplies, instruction, medical care, housing and recreation facilities at the six training centers.

But in addition to reporting low

morale at the three marine bases, the subcommittee was critical of what it called a "lack of cost consciousness" among officers at the six centers.

This factor "involves waste—waste in manpower and waste in money—and at this critical juncture the nation can afford neither," the subcommittee said.

As an example of low morale and waste of manpower, the report cited a staff sergeant, an inactive reservist recalled to duty, whose full time job at El Toro is to issue equipment at a golf course.

"It would be impossible to convince this man that he was really needed and that there was sufficient cause to recall him to active duty," the report said.

The senators recommended that reports for officers' new category, "cost consciousness," be determined of an officer's efficiency should be his demonstrated ability to conserve men, money and materials," the report said.

The subcommittee also rapped

payment of hazardous-duty premiums at New London to administrative personnel who do not actually work or live aboard submarines. This extra pay amounts to 30 or 40 percent of base salary.

However, the senators said the navy had moved promptly to stop this. Included in the report was a memo from Adm. W. M. Fechtel, chief of naval operations, saying submarine pay had been ended for personnel who do not get to sea in submarines a substantial number of days a month. The action was taken after subcommittee investigators visited the base.

The subcommittee said its investigators had found that "many reserves were being used in jobs which certainly ought not to have

justified asking a man to once again break up his home, family and career—when other men who have not served at all were available."

The dissatisfaction at the three marine bases "has arisen primarily from the fact that the unexpected outbreak of hostilities in Korea required the very rapid re-

mobilization of men in the reserves," the report said.

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Funeral services were held October 23, at the Acheson and Graham funeral home, with interment at the Riverside cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bools owned and operated the Port Creek motel south of here for some time before selling the property last spring to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reese. After disposing of the motel, they moved to Atascadero, Calif. They had been on a vacation trip at Riverside when Bools was stricken. He was 49, and in addition to his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Bools, is survived by a son, daughter and small grandson.

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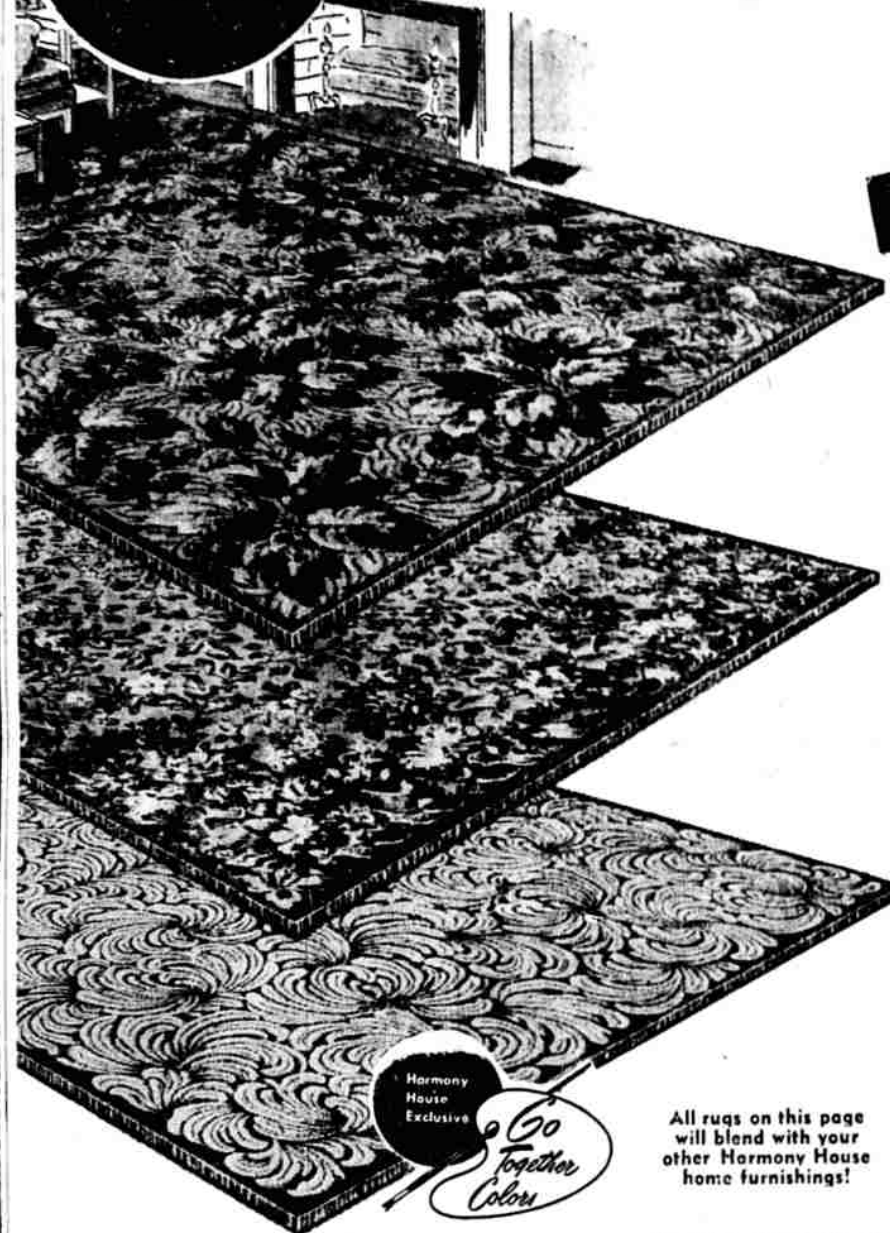
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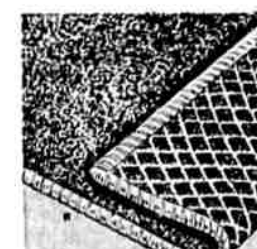
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